

CONSERVATION RESERVE NOTE #74

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This note transmits a procedure for evaluating cover on existing CRP offers or other lands with existing herbaceous vegetative cover accepted for a new CRP contract. Accepted offers must achieve the level quality cover that was used to assign the Environmental Benefit Index score.

A visual observation across the CRP offer may be all that is required to determine what needs to be done with existing cover. In some cases it may be necessary to conduct a more thorough evaluation. In those situations the enclosed procedure should be used with results from the transect recorded on the form provided. Field staff should copy the blank form as needed